

Current Projects and Needs

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As you may know, New Hope Uganda has three primary locations in Uganda: Kasana, Kobwin, and Musana (the camp).

> **Kasana** is where NHU started. Most of the structures have aged and thus we're declaring 2017 the year of infrastructure remodel and upkeep. We're going for campus excellence.



One of our aging buildings.

> **Kobwin** is newer so the construction there is fairly recent. There we need some new school buildings to expand the impact and resources for upkeep.



Our partly finished school at Kobwin Children's Center.

> **Musana** camp is almost all new construction. This means there is a greater need for general operating costs. Furthermore, the staff is expanding to allow for more guests.



Newly constructed cabin at Musana Camps.

Overall, our top priority, instead of expanding, we want to finish each and every existing project AND build necessary infrastructure (latrines, water lines, roads, repairs) to allow for future growth. Though this is not the most stimulating investment of your time and money, it is certainly the most needed at this time. As God is blessing the ministry to impact more people, more infrastructure is needed (this is a good problem, PTL).

Listed below are some *investment* opportunities based on your personal preference. We sincerely thank you for partnering with us to bring the Fatherhood of God to Uganda.

If you would like to talk with me personally, please contact me at johnny@nhum.org. I would be more than happy to answer your questions, steer you in the right direction, and/or share the latest news.

Option One: Sponsor a Child. We need 263 sponsors to meet all child sponsorship and program needs. You can fully sponsor a child for \$70 or co-sponsor for \$35.



Sponsor a child like this sweet baby girl.

Option Two: Gifts given to our general fund are always welcomed. When such a gift is given, we will use the funds in the area of greatest need at the time.

Option Three: Invest in a specific project (Updated May 2016) to maximize the current potential of each of our sites. See below.

Kasana Children's Centre

General Fund Giving

We need an additional \$2,000 per month. This helps us meet our everyday operating expenses that are often not exciting but are necessary for us to stay open and ministering to people. This helps cover groundskeepers, security, public building repairs, water supply, and electricity. Any monthly amount would greatly help care for our infrastructure.



Buildings like these are in need of repair.

Latrines for girls

"I know it is so unexciting but it is most needed" (says Nancy Kirsch, NHU manager).

Kasana Children's Center needs \$10,000 (\$5,000 per school) for improving the girls' latrines. The Ministry of Education in 2016 has a new initiative for keeping girls in school and they are requiring different latrines for girls than what we have. We have explained to district education officials we run off a budget that doesn't include this unexpected expense. So far they have been patient with us but we need to get this taken care in 2017 so we don't lose our registration of schools and testing centers for national exams.

Motorbike for Administration

For the Kasana Manager and Administration Assistant to use to go to district offices, Kiwoko Town Council, and to get between sites quickly. (\$1,456)

Database for Staff

This will help human resources to keep necessary statistics on staff. (\$2,240)

Childcare Needs

1. **Mattresses** - 100 needed, \$28 per mattress
2. **Bed Sheets or blankets** – 40 needed, \$15 per set
3. **Shoes for children** - 100 needed, \$20 per pair
4. **Repair for children's houses** – \$50,000
5. **Bicycles for village caretakers** - 12 needed, \$94 each. This would allow village caretakers to move quickly between the children's homes and would also facilitate their movement to the childcare office when they have meetings.
6. **Training in counseling for childcare staff** - \$725
7. **Database for children** \$2,240

Primary and Secondary School Needs Many US donors don't know the official names

1. **Education department motorbike** - \$1,456. This would be used when the headmasters travel to meetings that are called in the district. It would also allow them to have a reliable vehicle for picking up and returning exams during exam season.
2. **Lawn Mower** - \$725. This would allow school compounds to be mowed quickly during the rainy season. The New Hope Academy compound is quite large and takes time to mow. Students help with the mowing and so a more efficient lawn mower would enable students to stay in class longer.
3. **Athletic Equipment** – \$168. Eight netballs, eight footballs, and four volleyballs.
4. **Drum Sets** - \$300. Two sets, one per school.
5. **External Practice Exams for NHA S.4 Class** - \$506.
6. **Study Tours for NHA Students** - \$715. New Hope Academy students are expected to do fieldwork for their required government geography exam. While students do what they can in our district, this would allow them to visit a sugar cane or tea production facility and also one of the fishing grounds on Lake Victoria.
7. **Administration Block for EEVPS** - \$56,000. The primary school for many years has used two classrooms for administrative purposes. This has meant that the primary school has 40 fewer students than it was designed for and it also limits the number of kids New Hope can help each year.



Some of our students during a science lesson at Kasana.

Kobwin Children's Centre

General Giving – Undesignated one-time gifts to go to area of highest need. Regular monthly donations go to Kobwin's operating fund.

1. Latrines - \$10,000. Our greatest need is for latrines because Kobwin is not yet registered as a primary school. The Ministry of Education in Uganda requires latrines to be registered. They turn a blind eye until you have operated a few years, but then they do pressure you to get registered. Our primary school is currently under construction. It would be a blessing to have this requirement in place once the school is complete.

2. Staff duplex - \$50,400. We need three staff duplexes to house Kobwin staff who are living in houses offsite in the local trading center. We would like to have our staff living on site to better minister to our children.

3. Classrooms - \$6,632. We need four additional primary school classrooms to meet registration requirements.



Students are crowded into a small office for school.

4. Primary School Text Books - \$10 per book (hundreds needed).

5. School Furniture - \$46 per desk (30 needed).

6. Computer and Internet Set Up - \$1,520. To enable staff who take care of orphans communicate with the head office and possibly overseas.

7. Networking equipment and installation - \$2,020. To make communication to head office easy and possible.

8. Fencing in property - \$988. For security and protecting crops from wandering cows, goats, etc.

Musana Camps

The following lists projects and items that we would like to raise funds for at Musana Camps. Each one will play a part in helping us to accomplish our mission of bringing the fatherhood of God to the fatherless through camp programs at Musana and specifically through examining God's design for manhood and womanhood.

General Fund Giving – An additional \$1,500 per month. This helps us meet our everyday operating expenses that are often unattractive but necessary for us to stay open and ministering to people.

Camper scholarships – These help make it possible for children who cannot afford to come to camp to come and hear about Christ.

The following investments will allow Musana Camps to effectively respond to the current growing desire for camp space throughout East Africa:

Multi-Purpose Building - \$20,000, rough estimate. On the weekend this building will provide shelter for the 60-120 children that come to Sunday School from our surrounding community every Sunday. It will become the school building for Musana Camps staff children during the week and will house camp games such as carpetball, table tennis, and other board games for groups that come to camp. The building will be 30'x40' and will be similar in structure to the one here.



Ugandan Family Home – \$40,400.

Musana Camps is located in a very poor and very rural part of Uganda. Aside from fisherman shacks and locally made mud housing, there are no options to house our camp staff in our area unless we build the housing. We have no housing available for families that are growing and need more than two rooms. We would like to build a 3-bedroom home for one of our Ugandan staff families that will look similar to the one pictured here.



Administration Building - \$50,000. The current office at Musana Camps is one room. This includes our conference room, office supply storage, and all desk space. There is simply not enough space for everything that is administratively necessary to keep Musana running. As Musana grows there is a critical need to grow our office space to enable the ministry to continue. The office will be similar in style to the building pictured on the right.



Ugandan Married Staff Duplex – \$50,400. We need to add housing to accommodate the growing staffing need that we have. We would like to build a staff duplex for our young Ugandan staff families that will look something similar to the one pictured below.



FRONT ELEVATION

Security Guard House – \$10,080

We need to build housing for our security guards who are so crucial in keeping Musana Camps safe and secure. We would like to build 4 homes for our security guards like the one pictured here.



Climbing Wall – \$8,070. At camp we have plans to build a number of activity areas that will be enjoyed by a wide variety of people who come to Musana Camps. We have leveled a place for a climbing wall at camp. Now we are hoping to be able to build the wall with the hope that it will look similar to the photo here.

